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1. LILIOM, K. et al, "Growth factor-like phospholipids generated after corneal injury", Am. J. Phys., 1998, Vol. 274, 4 Pt 1, p. C1065-74
2. SUNDARRAJ, N. et al, "A Rho-associated protein kinase: differentially distributed in limbal and corneal epithelia", Investigative Ophthalmology and Visual Science, 1998, Vol. 39, No. 7, p. 1266-72
3. CHRZANOWSKA-WODNICKA, M. et al, "Rho-stimulated contractility drives the formation of stress fibers and focal adhesions", J. Cell Biol., 1996, Vol. 133, No. 6, p. 1403-15

4. SUNDARRAJ, M. et al, "Nuclear translocation of a Rho-A binding serine/threonine kinase (ROCK-I) is associated with corneal epithelial proliferation in vitro", Investigative Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, 1998, Vol. 39, No. 4, p. S201

The other publications which are identified on Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B are identified in the present specification.

It is requested that said publications be considered and that a copy of the enclosed Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B with the Examiner's initials in the left column be returned to the undersigned attorney.

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